--- 3 Cigars - Series “A” - 44 x 29 mm. design - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- recess printed on medium wove with an indistinct *vertical* mesh ---

--- *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. *blue control numbering* ---

In 1926 the special tax on small packages was abolished. The new Series “A” was introduced by CBN. The tax was now $ 3.00 per pound on any size cigar package.

The catalogue lists the recess printed three cigar Series “A” black stamp as follows:

RG-591 - 3 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - 4½ mm blue control numbers

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★**RG-591 SP** - 3 cigars, *coarse roulette*, on medium wove with an indistinct *vertical* mesh, control number **0250058**, stamped ***Sample*** in purple script

★**RG-591** - 3 cigars, *coarse roulette*, on medium wove with an indistinct *vertical* mesh, control number **0994119**, roller cancelled by “Andrew Wilson”, Toronto - **26-50-E**

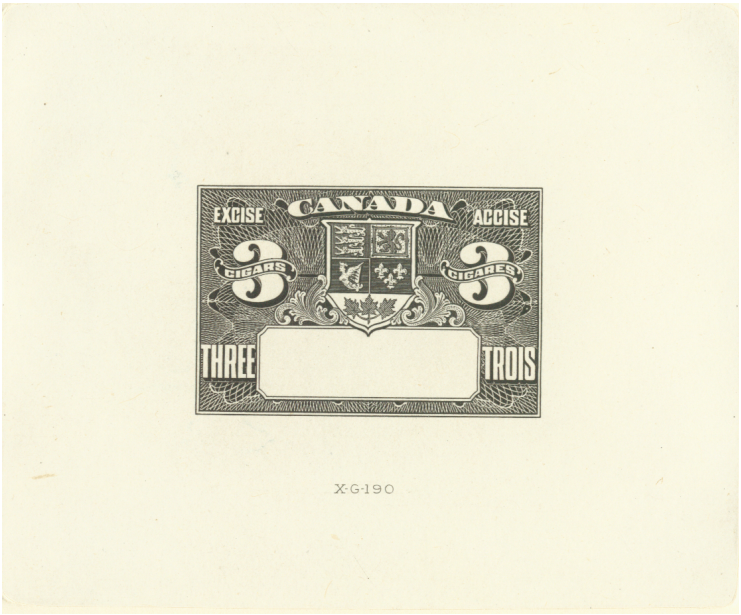
0084461	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal - **5-10-D**
0106360	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal - **5-10-D**
0142219	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal - **5-10-D**
0250058 ★	RG-591 SP	3 cigars, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample*** in purple script
0772408	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, rollered by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal - **6-10-D**
0994119 ★	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Andrew Wilson”, Toronto - **26-50-E**
1001275 ★	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, by “L.N. Hadd”, Montreal - **28-10-D**
1204437	RG-591	3 cigars, coarse roulette, by “General Cigars”, Toronto - **11-50-E**

Without any documentation as proof, I feel that the ***Sample*** stamps originated with CBN, after its 1923 formation, as a separate Canadian branch of ABN, New York.

The “box collection” *does not* contain an example of **RG-591** on piece, and the “general collection” does not contain a *date coded* copy. **WANTED!**

--- 3 Cigars - Series “A” - 44 x 29 mm. design ---

--- recess printed - 6” x 7½” large Die Proof [X-G-190] - scanned at 100% scale ---



★**RG-591 DP** - 3 cigars, the central 3¾” x 3” portion of the 6” x 7½” large die proof [X-G-190]

--- the three Cigar Transfer Roll and Plate ---

[information from Chris Ryan]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN cigar roll No. 554-XG for the Series “A” three cigar 44 x 29 mm. bilingual stamp.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of ABN / CBN plate No. 1 for the three cigar Series “A” 44 x 29 mm. bilingual stamp - the Lee Brandom **RG-591**. The 150 impression plate was probably arranged 10 x 15 stamps - JBH.

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